[7th January 1950

sponsored by the Madras Government themselves. We are considering the schemes and if at all we find that there is a necessity for the appointment of an expert, we will consider the question."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the answer of the Hon. Minister that the scheme of 1946 was found to be impracticable when worked out, will the Government consider the question of drawing up schemes hereafter with expert advice?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" But is the Leader of the Opposition sure that it was not done previously?" (Laughter.)

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government think that the present scheme cannot be worked satisfactorily?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is likely to be some revision in the scheme."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government any clear ideas of cottage industries at all?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They have clear ideas, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government sent any of their officers to undergo training under the Japanese Cottage Industries Experts who are now working in Delhi?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is under the active consideration of the Government."

Bonus from the Government of India for the surplus paddy procured in this Province.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts received in the years 1947–48 and 1948–49, as bonus from the Government of India at the rate of 8 annas per maund of surplus paddy procured in this Province;

(*b*) for what purpose the above sums were spent in each year; and

(*c*) the amount spent under each head in each year?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (*a*) An amount of Rs. 2,10,42,995 was received from the Government of India towards the food bonus due on the quantities of foodgrains procured in Madras Province during the period from November 1947 to February 1949.

" (*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 66,63,200 was utilized to meet the losses incurred on the distribution of foodgrains procured from extra Provincial sources in India during the period November 1947 to October 1948. As regards the balance of Rs. 1,43,79,795 proposals for utilizing this sum on schemes for increasing food production are under the consideration of the Government."